THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVEOPMENT (DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme of Assistance for Construction/ Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with a Day Care Centre for Children, financial assistance is provided to the extent of 50% of the cost of Land and 75% of the cost of construction of the Hostel Buildings to Voluntary Organistions, Public Trusts. Local Bodies, Women Development Corporations, Universities, Schools/Colleges of Social Work and the State Governments/ Union territory Administrations, where suitable Voluntary Organisations does not exit. Assistance on the same pattern is also available for purchase of ready built buildings. Single Working Women, Whose consolidated income does not exceed Rs. 3,000/ per month are eligible for hostel accommodation for a period of three years, extendable up to five years.

(c) An allocation of Rs. 5 crores has been made for the year 1991-92. Besides release of subsequent instalments in respect of the hostels for working women already sanctioned, 50 new projects to accommodate 2,500 working women are envisaged during the year.

(d) 14 Hostels for 1593 working Women with Day Care Centre facilities for 129 children have already been sanctioned in Delhi. 12 of which are operational.

[*English*]

Food Procurement Target

2172. SHRI K. PRADHANI:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for procurement of foodgrains during 1991-92;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains procured so far during the year; and

(c) the quantity of foodgrains expected to be procured by the end of the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The procurement of wheat, paddy and coarsegrains for Central Pool under price support scheme being totally voluntary, and the procurement of levy-rice from millers/traders being dependent on quantum of paddy purchased by them, no targets, as such, can be fixed for procurement of foodgrains.

(b) During current 1991-92 rabi marketing season, till 28th February, 1992, 77.52 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured under price support. Procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) stands at 87.20 lakh tonnes till 5th March, 1992 during current 1991-92 kharif marketing season.

(c) Whereas procurement of wheat in the marketing year 1991-92 is going to be below eight million tonnes, it is not possible to state expected procurement of rice as the same is still continuing.

Health Care Centres

2173. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Health Care Centres set up so far in the country, district-wise; and

(b) the position of availability of medicines in these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The information